



Naval Station Ingleside

September 9, 2005

4 MIW Ships deploy to support Hurricane Katrina recovery, relief efforts

NAVAL STATION INGLESIDE, TEXAS -- Four mine warfare ships deployed Sept. 3, to support Hurricane Katrina disaster recovery and relief efforts. USS GLADIATOR (MCM 11), USS SCOUT (MCM 8), USS DEFENDER (MCM 2), and USS FALCON (MHC 59) are working with the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to clear waterways that may be clogged by debris. The ships are using their sonars to locate and identify items that could cause unsafe passage and inhibit recovery and relief efforts in the affected areas.

The mine warfare ships are under the tactical command of Capt. Jonathan Tobias, Commodore, Mine Countermeasures Squadron Three. The ships are homeported at Naval Station Ingleside, Texas.